



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Prompt Pay Discount Form**  
*(Invoice discounts for receiving fast payments)*

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**Bidder Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vendor Code (VCUST):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contract/RFR Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Prompt Payment Discounts (PPD). All contractors/vendors doing business with the Commonwealth must provide a Prompt Payment Discount (PPD) for receiving early payments unless the Contractor/vendor can provide compelling proof that providing a prompt pay discount would be unduly burdensome. Contractors benefit from PPD by increased, usable cash flow as a result of fast and efficient payments for commodities or services rendered. Contractors who agree to accept Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) increase the prompt pay benefit by ensuring that funds are paid directly to their designated bank accounts, thus eliminating the delay of check clearance policies and traditional mail lead time. Payments processed through the state accounting system (MMARS) can be tracked and verified through the Comptroller's [Vendor Web](#) system using the Vendor/Customer Code assigned to you by a Commonwealth department.

The Commonwealth benefits because contractors reduce the cost of products and services through the applied discount. While Bidders/Contractors have flexibility in determining the actual % discount(s) offered to the Commonwealth, the discount(s) must be identified for 10, 15, 20 and/or 30 days for payment issuance in the column entitled "% Discount Off Proposed Price" below. The Commonwealth may use the prompt pay discounts submitted as a basis for selection and may negotiate discounts as deemed in the best interest of the Commonwealth. The requirement to offer PPD discounts may be waived by the Commonwealth on a case-by-case basis if participation in the program would be unduly burdensome, provided the specific reason for the hardship is outlined below.

All discounts offered will be taken in cases where the payment issue date is within the specified number of days listed below and in accordance with the Commonwealth's Bill Paying Policy. Payment days will be measured **from** the date goods are received and accepted / performance was completed OR the date an invoice is received by the Commonwealth, **whichever is later to** the date the payment is issued as an EFT (preferred method) or mailed by the State Treasurer. The date of payment "issue" is the date a payment is considered "paid" not the date a payment is "received" by a Contractor.

If internal Bidder/Contractor systems require an alternate method of measuring payment issue dates, the Bidder/Contractor must note the issues below or on an attached page if necessary to be considered by the PMT. In cases where the Bidder/Contractor considers that offering a Prompt Payment Discount would be a hardship, the Bidder must clearly define the issues and reasons for said hardship. *Providing volume discounts or other discounts on prices is not considered a hardship, since the PPD provides the additional benefit of early cash flow for the Contractor.*

Enter the Prompt Payment Discount percentage (%) off the invoice payment, for each of the payment issue dates listed, if the payment is issued within the specified Payment Issue days. For example:

**5% - 10 Days**  
**4% - 15 Days**  
**3% - 20 Days**  
**2% - 30 Days**

If no discount is offered enter 0%

<b>Prompt Payment Discount %</b>	<b>Payment Issue Date w/in</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>10 Days</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>15 Days</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>20 Days</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>30 Days</b>

The Contractor is unable to provide a prompt payment discount due to the following hardship:

Contractor/Bidder Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor/ Bidder Authorized Signatory Print Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_